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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C. 20535

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Mr. Ernie Lazar
P.O. Box 423434
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Subject of Request: Jerome Ducote

FOIPA NO. 441203/190-HQ-1250177

Dear Requester:

Enclosed are copies of documents from FBI records. Excisions have been made to protect information exempt from disclosure pursuant to Title 5, United States Code, Section 552 (Freedom of Information Act) and/or Section 552a (Privacy Act). In addition, where excisions were made, the appropriate exempting subsections have been cited opposite the deletions. Where pages have been withheld in their entirety, a deleted page information sheet has been substituted showing the reasons or basis for the deletion. The subsections cited for withholding information from the enclosed documents are marked below:

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(See Form OPCA-16a, enclosed, for an explanation of these exemptions.)

Pursuant to your request, **228** preprocessed pages are being released.

The documents responsive to your request were previously processed for another requester. In order to provide the information you requested as soon as possible, we have released the FBI information as it was originally processed. We have not contacted other government agencies concerning their information in FBI files.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: JEROME DUCOTE

PART 1 OF 2

FD-36 (Rev. 2-11-7

FBI

Date: 10/31/75

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Precedence)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (62-464) (C)

SUBJECT: HENRY G. SCHERLING
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Butte letter to Sacramento, 1/28/75, captioned as above, and report of SA [redacted], 4/10/74, at Sacramento captioned, "JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, aka Fred Schwartz; [redacted] UNITED FARM WORKERS, Keene, California-VICTIM, CIVIL RIGHTS," Sacramento file 44-625.

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[redacted] advised that he knows one JERRY DUCOTE. [redacted] described DUCOTE as a totally unprincipled individual who was a former deputy sheriff in the San Jose, California area and is a "con man".

[redacted] advised that he heard DUCOTE had engaged in some covert type activities in the past, but had no specific information regarding this. [redacted] stated he does not know SCHERLING.

For additional information, the Bureau's attention is directed to referenced civil rights case captioned, "JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, aka Fred Schwartz; [redacted], United Farm Workers, Keene, California-VICTIM, Civil Rights". Also it is to be noted that the Sacramento Division did not become a field office until 9/67, and during the pertinent period, Bakersfield was covered by the Los Angeles Division. Neither DUCOTE or

SCHERLING were ever informants of the Sacramento Division and Sacramento indices contain no information other than the civil rights and 62 matters referred to above.

Receiving offices furnish any pertinent information relative to this matter.

[redacted]

Sacramento contemplates no additional investigation other than maintaining contact with [redacted] UACB.

11/6/75

To: SACs, Sacramento (62-[illegible])
Butte
Los Angeles
San Francisco

1 - [redacted]

From: Director, FBI

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BERLY C. SCHERLING
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reported Butte 10/31/75, Butte to Sacramento, 11/3/75, captioned as above, set forth in EA [redacted] 10/1/, at Sacramento, captioned, "Jerome Joseph Bucoto, aka Fred Schwartz; [redacted] United Farm Workers, Reno, California; Victim, Civil Rights," Sacramento File 62-[illegible].

[redacted]

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1 - SAC, Sacramento (44-[illegible]) (RUC)

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Airtel to SACR, Sacramento
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RE: HENRY G. SCHERLING

Receiving Offices are requested to immediately respond to Sacramento's request to furnish pertinent information relative to this matter including negative response.

Sacramento is requested to review said responses for pertinent information and advise Bureau of the results. SuLHM incorporating therein pertinent and disseminable information set forth in Butte letter to Sacramento 1/28/76 and referenced airtel of 1[illegible]/31/76 as well as any new information received.

NOTE: [redacted] It is noted that in March of 1974, CRD, USDJ, requested investigation of repeated break ins of United Farm Workers Offices in possible violation of Title [illegible]SC, Section 241. The original investigation centered around an individual subsequently identified as Jerome J. Ducote known as a con man and identified as a former Deputy Sheriff, Santa Clara, California, Sheriff's Office. The investigation concerned his attempt to sell information to the United Farm Workers (UFW) for $35,000 regarding break ins of their offices. Ducote subsequently interviewed by SC Division 4/2/74 at which time he advised that he and others were engaged in gathering intelligence for certain California growers concerning the UFW and that he, Ducote, was in debt for over $20,000. Upon completion of our investigation, the Department of Justice advised that no Federal violation existed and that information should be made available to appropriate local authorities. Pertinent information was disseminated to [redacted], Delano, California, Police Department on 6/3/74 and to the Kern County Sheriff's Office on 6/7/74.

Upon receipt of requested LHM and based upon information contained therein, appropriate instructions will be issued to SC re future handling of this matter.

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Date: 11/6/75

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (62-0-26108) (RUC)

SUBJECT: HENRY G. SCHERLING
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Sacramento airtel to Bureau, 10/31/75.

For information of the Bureau and receiving offices, San Francisco was also in receipt of Butte letter to Sacramento, 1/28/75, captioned as above. San Francisco indices contain no other references to HENRY G. SCHERLING.

As to JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, aka, as is indicated in the Sacramento airtel, DUCOTE was subject of a civil rights investigation wherein Sacramento was Office of Origin. Investigation was conducted by the San Francisco Division in the civil rights matter until instructions received from the Bureau to discontinue.

San Francisco files also contain information pertaining to an impersonation investigation wherein DUCOTE was the subject. This was a recent 12/74 through 2/75 investigation and has no bearing on the information as set out in referenced Sacramento airtel to Bureau. The only other information concerning DUCOTE is a reference wherein he was listed as a member of the "Minutemen". Investigation of a security nature was conducted concerning this organization and DUCOTE was indicated as being affiliated with that organization.

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San Francisco files contain no information relative to the 1967 matter as outlined in referenced Sacramento airtel, and no further action is being taken by the San Francisco Division.

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TO :Mr. Gallagher

DATE: 12/22/75

1 - Mr. Gallagher
1 - Mr. O'Connell
1 - Mr. Peelman
1 - [redacted]
1 - Mr. Mintz
1 - Mr. Walsh
1 - Mr. McDermott

FROM :J. S. Peelman

SUBJECT: JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE, Also Known As Jerry Ducote, Fred Schwartz; HENRY GEORGE SCHERLING INFORMATION CONCERNING

PURPOSE: To advise of reported allegations of Joseph Jerome Ducote that he burglarized at the direction of the FBI and gave copies of the material stolen to the FBI. [redacted]

BACKGROUND: In March, 1974, the Civil Rights Division (CRD), U. S. Department of Justice (USDJ), requested investigation of repeated break-ins of United Farm Workers (UFW) offices in California between 1966-70, in possible violation of Title 18, U. S. Code , Section 241, involving a conspiracy to deny UFW rights guaranteed by labor law statutes. The investigation centered around an individual subsequently identified as Jerome J. Ducote, known as a con man and identified as a former Deputy Sheriff, Santa Clara, California. The investigation concerned his attempt to sell information to UFW for $35,000 regarding break-ins of their offices. Ducote subsequently interviewed by Sacramento Division, 4/2/74, at which time he advised that he and others were engaged in gathering intelligence for certain California growers concerning the UFW and that he, Ducote, was in debt for over $20,000.

Upon completion of our investigation, the USDJ advised that no Federal violation existed and that information should be made available to appropriate local authorities. Further information was disseminated to [redacted] Delano, California, Police Department, and Kern County Sheriff's Office, June, 1974.

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Memorandum to Mr. Gallagher
RE: JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE, aka

[redacted]

DETAILS: On 11/24/75, [redacted] Special Agent, Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, State of California, contacted the San Jose Resident Agency and indicated that he would like to discuss Jerry Ducote. [redacted] said that he and [redacted] Investigator, Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office, were seeking FBI assistance.

[redacted] and [redacted] appeared at the San Jose Resident Agency and the interview was initiated b[redacted] advising SA [redacted] of his constitutional rights. They explained that Ducote burglarized the San Jose Peace Center, Attorney John Thorn's law office, and Grace McDonald's residence and office (publisher/editor of California Form Reporter) in 1967. According to [redacted] Ducote claims he burglarized these addresses at the direction of the FBI and specifically SA [redacted] and gave copies of the materials stolen to both the FBI and Western Research in Oakland, California. [redacted] pointed out that Ducote will be prosecuted for possession of the stolen documents and states his defense will be that he acted at the direction of the FBI.

[redacted] stated that his superior in San Francisco was planning to contact U. S. Attorney (USA) James L. Browning, in an effort to obtain FBI files to assist in their investigation.

SA [redacted] advised [redacted] and [redacted] that he had interviewed Ducote on one or two occasions, but had never directed any activities of his nor had he received any materials whatsoever.

[redacted]

Our Sacramento Office has advised that the files of the Los Angeles, San Francisco and Sacramento Offices of the FBI contain no information showing that Ducote or Scherling were employed, used, or requested to perform any function for the FBI.

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Memorandum to Mr. Gallagher
RE: JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE, aka

On 12/15/75, Departmental Attorney William L. Gardner, CRD, advised that he is familiar with the above matter as he had been recently contacted by a reporter for the Fresno Bee, a local California newspaper. The reporter had several questions about the above-mentioned investigation of Ducote in 1974. Gardner advised he provided little information of value and the reporter indicated that he would most probably file for the information under the Freedom of Information Act.

Gardner stated that he wished to be kept advised of the facts and developments of this matter and he further stated that he has not been in contact with the USA, San Francisco, regarding his opinion but that every effort would be made to defend against any unfounded allegations against the Department or the FBI should they arise.

ACTION: Our Sacramento and San Francisco Offices have been instructed to resolve all of these allegations and to obtain affidavits from the Agent personnel involved.

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FBI

Date 12/5/75

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (62-464) (P)

SUBJECT: CHANGED
JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE, aka
Jerry Ducote,
Fred Schwartz;
HENRY GEORGE SCHERLING
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Title changed to reflect middle name of subject SCHERLING, which is reflected in California Department of Motor Vehicles records, and to add JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE, aka as additional subject. Title formerly carried as "HENRY G. SCHERLING, INFORMATION CONCERNING".

Re Sacramento letter to the Bureau, 11/25/75, and LHM of same date, captioned "HENRY G. SCHERLING, INFORMATION CONCERNING".

REC 67 CH 42 MCT-19

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies and for San Francisco two copies of an LHM concerning captioned subjects. Also enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of a news article which appeared in the Sacramento Bee on 11/23/75. Additionally enclosed for San Francisco are two copies of referenced letter, two copies of referenced LHM, and two copies of above news article.

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Investigator [redacted], Santa Clara, California, District Attorney's Office, and Investigator [redacted] San Jose Police Department, San Jose, California, were advised by SA [redacted] in the presence of SA [redacted] that DUCOTE did not furnish any documents to SA [redacted] or did DUCOTE furnish any information of particular value to SA [redacted] and [redacted] when contacted after DUCOTE approached [redacted] at Bakersfield, California, concerning the sale of stolen documents. [redacted] was also advised that DUCOTE was not any type of "informant" or "source" for [redacted]

[redacted]

It was apparent from conversations with [redacted] and [redacted] that some information had come to their attention to the effect that SA [redacted] had personally received documents from DUCOTE. SA [redacted] theorizes that this type of information, if not directly from DUCOTE, could have been an assumption on the part of [redacted], or [redacted]

DUCOTE was contacted 4/2/74 at Bakersfield, California, by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] as set forth on page three of referenced LHM, but definitely did not turn over any type of documents to interviewing Agents. This contact and FBI investigation referred to by [redacted] in attached LHM is set forth in report of SA [redacted], dated 4/19/74,

at Sacramento, captioned "JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, aka [redacted] United Farm Workers, Keene, California - VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS".

A current news article, written by GEORGE L. BAKER, concerning this matter is enclosed.

LEADS:

UACB, in order to resolve allegations or inferences that the FBI has received stolen UFW documents from DUCOTE, the following investigation will be performed by the San Francisco Division:

AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA. Make inquiry at Santa Clara District Attorney's Office for full particulars concerning information that the FBI received stolen UFWU documents from DUCOTE.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. Contact investigator [redacted] California Department of Justice, for full particulars concerning statements made by DUCOTE regarding the FBI.

FD-350 (Rev. 7-16-63)

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UFW Burglary Probe Focuses On San Jose Man

By GEORGE L. BAKER
Bee Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON—A San Jose man is under investigation for alleged participation in a string of "political" burglaries in the late 1960s aimed at discrediting the United Farm Workers of America, law enforcement officials disclosed.

Authoritative sources identified the man as Jerry Ducote, a one-time Santa Clara County deputy sheriff, once active in the John Birch Society and other right-wing causes in the San Jose area.

The burglaries, part of an abortive effort to link the Cesar Chavez-led UFW to Communists and radical groups, were reported in The Fresno Bee in May 1974. At the time, Ducote, speaking anonymously, told a reporter he had been involved in 15 burglaries, carried out with the support and financial backing of two prominent California growers.

Apparently believing the statute of limitations had run on [illegible] and therefore could not be prosecuted, Ducote took his story earlier this year to the California Bureau of Investigation, a division of the State Department of Justice. His motivation was unclear. [illegible] ment officials declined comment.

Now, however, law enforcement officials say they are investigating Ducote for possible violation of state laws against possessing or concealing stolen property.

The statute of limitations has not expired on these actions because, until recently, Ducote had in his possession much of the material taken in the burglaries, according to officials.

Said one law enforcement source: "We've recovered loads of stuff. There are documents, mailing lists, files, letters, etc. Investigators are rounding up the victims and having them identify the material."

Ducote could not be reached for comment. But according to law officials and his attorney, Steve Lewis of San Francisco, Ducote has already been given a verbal warning that anything he says can later be used in prosecuting him.

According to his story, outlined to The Bee last year, Ducote and other unnamed persons were hired by growers to discredit the UFW at a time when it was first beginning to make a dent in its organizing of California farmworkers.

"The original purpose was to get as much information as possible to show the Communist or radical influence on the union to discredit Chavez," Ducote said at the time. "We also wanted to know the operation of the union and to use the information to discredit him in the eyes of the Catholic church."

Among the organizations and persons burglarized from 1966 to 1969, as outlined by Ducote and later verified by police reports, were: UFW headquarters in Delano, offices of Ramparts magazine and the Communist newspaper People's World, both in San Francisco; the Carmel

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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The Sacramento Bee
Sacramento,
California

Date: 11/23/75
Edition: Final
Author:
Editor: C. K. McClatchy
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home and Chicago office of the late social activist Saul Alinsky, a Chavez supporter; the San Jose Peace Center, the Catholic Social Justice Office and the offices of San Jose attorneys John Thorne and William Stanton, a former assemblyman.

All the burglaries involved material of a political nature such as correspondence, film, mailing lists and manuscripts.

Ducote said last year that there was never any evidence developed to link the Chavez movement to Communists, despite such belief by some growers.

His allegations of grower involvement have been made to several law enforcement agencies, including the FBI, which carried out a cursory investigation last year, and the California Department of Justice.

But there is no indication that any law enforcement agency has either taken seriously or attempted to validate the allegations.

Ducote has indicated he has evidence to implicate the growers, including [illegible] records and cancelled checks and has said previously that he would make it available in exchange [illegible] from prosecution. So far, no one has taken up his offer.

Whenever Ducote tells his story, it is laced with hints that people in high places knew of and approved of the burglaries.

There is no doubt that Ducote has worked on the fringes of the grower-UFW controversy. In 1973, when a series of arsonist-set fires destroyed some packing sheds in the Delano area, Ducote presented himself as a private investigator to law enforcement officials investigating the blazes.

Investigator Bael Goldsmith of the California Division of Forestry in Tulare recalled in an interview last year that Ducote had provided several tips to possible suspects, none of which panned out.

In 1969, Ducote, together with Stephen d'Arrigo, a Salinas lettuce grower, and a former Santa Clara farm bureau official — incorporated a book publishing company, according to corporation records filed in Sacramento.

The St. Dismas Publishing Co. published one book — a critical examination of Alinsky and his social organizing techniques — and was suspended from doing business in California in 1973 for nonpayment of taxes.

Ducote's name was first linked publicly to the burglaries in September of last year, when Ramparts magazine filed a $30 million damage suit against him in San Francisco Superior Court.

Since the lawsuit was filed, attorney for Ramparts have attempted unsuccessfully to take a deposition from Ducote, hoping to have him spell out who, if anyone else, was also involved in the burglary which occurred in 1967.

But Ducote has declined to give the deposition.

1-Mr. Mintz
1-Mr. Callaghan
1-Mr. Moore

Mr. J. B. Adams

1/9/76
1-Mr. [redacted]
1-Mr. [redacted]

Legal Counsel

INQUIRY FROM CONGRESSMAN DON EDWARDS (D-CAL.), CHAIRMAN, SUBCOMMITTEE ON CIVIL AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

On 1/8/75, [redacted], House Sub-Committee on Civil and Constitutional Rights of the Committee on the Judiciary telephonically contacted Inspector [redacted] regarding allegations made by JOSEPH JUNIOR DUCOTE to the effect that he had committed political burglaries on behalf of the FBI.

This matter has received considerable press attention in California, and Congressman Edwards has expressed an interest in these allegations. Edwards has posed several questions concerning DUCOTE'S association with the FBI including the following:

1. Was DUCOTE an informant for the FBI?

2. Was he been interviewed by the FBI?

3. Has the FBI received any information from DUCOTE obtained from illegal activities?

4. Does the FBI evaluate the source of and the information offered?

5. If information obtained illegally is offered to the FBI, is an investigation instituted, and the proper authorities notified?

Congressman Edwards is leaving for California on 1/10/76 and has requested an oral briefing on 1/9/76 so that he may answer inquiries he may receive while in California.

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Legal Counsel to Mr. Adams
Re: INQUIRY FROM CONGRESSMAN DON EDWARDS (D-CAL.), CHAIRMAN, SUBCOMMITTEE ON CIVIL AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Joseph Jerome Ducote is the subject of the case entitled, JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, aka, UNITED FARM WORKERS, [illegible], California-- Victim 00 Sacramento-- Bu File 44-[illegible].

Investigation instituted 3/27/74 revealed that DUCOTE, using name FRED SCHWARTZ, contacted attorney for United Farm Workers (UFW) and offered to sell documents obtained in burglaries from UFW office for $25,000. DUCOTE was to furnish evidence linking burglaries to numerous California Crosses.

Upon completion of our investigation, the USAO advised that no Federal Violation existed, and that information should be made available to appropriate local authorities.

Our investigation to date does not indicate there is any substance to the allegation, however, this investigation is still pending. This information is contained in the case entitled JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE, aka et. al.-- Information Concerning. See Bu File 62-116783.

[redacted] was advised on 1/[illegible]/76 that [illegible] pending investigation concerning DUCOTE, and that a briefing concerning the details of the investigation is not possible at this time.

[redacted] advised that a formal letter would be directed to the Bureau posing certain questions concerning this matter. He further advised that he was forwarding to the Office of Congressional Affairs, [illegible] a 93-page statement allegedly given by DUCOTE to State authorities.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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FBI

Date: 12/23/75

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (62-6943)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE, aka
Jerry Ducote,
Fred Schwartz,
Henry George Scherling
INFORMATION CONCERNING

ReBuairtel 12/18/75 and San Francisco letter, 12/11/75.

On 12/22/75 [redacted], Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, State of California, advised that JEROME DUCOTE had been arrested by them and incarcerated in the Santa Clara County Jail with bail set in the amount of $100,000. He is charged with 14 counts of Grand Theft and Possessing and Concealing Stolen Property. [redacted] stated that in their continuing investigation they now find that DUCOTE merely alluded to dealing with some security agency and that other people concluded that it must be the CIA or FBI.

A news article concerning DUCOTE's arrest is enclosed herewith. His incarceration may preclude an expeditious interview of DUCOTE as directed.

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San Francisco is now in receipt of a copy of the letter directed by the State Attorney Generals to the United States Attorney with the specifics of their allegations. A copy of this letter is enclosed for the Bureau, Sacramento and Butte.

ENCLOSURE

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San Francisco will respond appropriately to this letter with a copy to the United States Attorney refuting the allegations in their entirety, UACB. The representative sample of the documents mentioned in the Attorney General's letter has been forwarded to this office by the United States Attorney.

San Francisco is pursuing this matter as directed in referenced Bureau airtel and the Bureau will be kept advised.

FD-192 (Rev. 7-16-53)

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Political Burglary Scandal -- Bay Activists Were Targets

By Rick Carroll

A Watergate-style scandal involving a host of political burglaries stretching back nearly a decade has surfaced in Santa Clara county, according to a 138-page report filedyesterdaywith the San Jose Municipal Court.

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Jerome Ducote, 46, a former Santa Clara count deputy sheriff and longtime Republican Party activiywasst arrested in the caseyesterday.

He is accused of 21 felonies and is in the Santa Clara county jail in lieu of posting $100,000 bail.

The voluminous report is the result of an 11-month investigation by the California Department of Justice's Organized Crime and Criminal Intelligence Branch, the Santa Clara county district attorney's office and the San Jose Police Department, according to William P. Hoffman, a Santa Clara county assistant district attorney.

The report includes a rambling, 96-page interview with Ducote in which he admits 17 burglaries, most of them committed in 1966 and 1967.

His targets, Ducote told investigators, included the Delano office of the United Farm Workers, Ramparts Magazine, both the Carmel home and Chicago office of radical organizer Saul Alinsky, San Francisco's American-Russian Institute and the People's World(a Communist Party newspaper), the San Jose office of left-leaning lawyer the San Jose headquarters of Catholic Social Justice, and numerous anti-Vietnam War groups in San Jose, Oakland and Berkeley.

The admissions emerged during a tape-recorded interview last February 14 with Walter Kubas, special agent of the State Department of Justice.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

1 S.F.Chronicle

San Francisco,Ca.

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His accomplices in many of the break-ins, Ducote said, were Andy Gulermovich, now living in Salinas, and Henry Scherling, now a resident of Cour d'Alene, Idaho.

Ducote told Agent Kubas that he resigned from the Santa Clara sheriff's department in 1963 and, that same year, was elected president of the county's Young Republican Club.

At a Republican meeting, he met Kenneth Wilhelm, then the secretary of the Santa Clara County Farm Bureau, who offered him an $800-a-month job to ferret out radicals.

Three years later, the burglaries cropped up throughout Northern California. (Investigators corroborated most of the break-ins, according to the report.)

Piles of stolen documents were turned over to Wilhelm, now a Peninsula schoolteacher, according to the interview.

At one point, Ducote visited Congressman Charles Gubser(Rep-Gilroy)in Washington, and turned over copies of the purloined documents to the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

The committee's chief investigator and a Central Intelligence Agency Congressional liaison man asked for copies of all future documents, Ducote claimed. (He said he did not tell anyone in Washington how he got the files.)

Ducote's two closest shaves came in Delano and in San Francisco, he said.

During one burglary of a group that worked closely with Cesar Chavez, Ducote's and Scherling's rented auto license was copied .

Several days later, Scherling surrendered to the San Jose police. After Ducote told a Delano policeman that the purpose of the break-in was to prove Chavez's links to the Communist Party, the investigation was dropped, Ducote said.

In San Francisco, Ducote said he waited near the People's World office at 81 Clementina alley for "three or four nights" to obtain a copy of the Communist newspaper's subscription list.

When the subscription lists were dumped into a trash can, Ducote wound up in an unseemly struggle with an FBI agent, a San Francisco policeman and an Army Intelligence agent over them

The policeman won, Ducote said, after he threatened to arrest Ducote and the other two investigators.

Ducote and his accomplices cannot be charged with burglaries themselves, according to Assistant District Attorney Hoffman, because there is a three year statute of limitations on the prosecution of this crime.

However, Ducote was accused of grand theft because, within the past year, he persuaded 14 prominent San Jose businessmen to aid him in his fight to link Chavez to the Communist Party.

When the businessmen learned that Ducote did little or no investigating with these funds, they complained to the district attorney's office, triggering the investigation.

The other seven felony charges, Hoffman said, stem from Ducote's hanging onto purloined documents. He is also accused of seven counts of concealing stolen property.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (62-6943)

ATTN: SA [redacted]

JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE, AKA; HENRY GEORGE SCHERLING. INFORMATIO[redacted]

CONCERNING.

ON JANUARY 5, 1976, [redacted]

[redacted] RESEARCH WEST, INC., 1419 BROADWAY,

OAKLAND, CALIF., ADVISED THAT RESEARCH WEST WAS INCORPORATED

IN 1969 AND HE WAS HIRED IN HIS CURRENT POSITION BY THE FIRM

IN 1969. HE STATED RESEARCH WEST, INC. HAS NO INFORMATION

REGARDING THE AFFAIRS OF WESTERN RESEARCH AS RELATED TO ANY

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO Mr. Gallagher

FROM J. S. Peelman

SUBJECT JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE, Also Known as Jerry Ducote, Fred Schwartz; HENRY GEORGE SCHERLING INFORMATION CONCERNING

1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. Adams
DATE: /20/76

1 - Mr. Gallagher
1 - Mr. O'Connell
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1 - Mr. [redacted]
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PURPOSE: To advise of the status of an investigation instituted to resolve reported allegations that Joseph Jerome Ducote burglarized at the direction of the FBI and gave copies of the materials stolen to the FBI.

BACKGROUND: You were previously advised in a J. S. Peelman to Mr. Gallagher memorandum dated 12/22/75, that in March, 1974, the Civil Rights Division (CRD), U. S. Department of Justice (USDJ), requested investigation of repeated break-ins of United Farm Workers (UFW) offices in California between 1966 and 1970, in possible violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241, involving a conspiracy to deny UFW rights guaranteed by labor law statutes. The investigation centered around an individual identified as Joseph Jerome Ducote, known as a con man and a former deputy sheriff, Santa Clara County, California.

Upon completion of our investigation, the USDJ advised that no Federal violation existed and that information should be made available to appropriate local authorities. Said information was disseminated by our Sacramento Division to [redacted], Delano, California, Police Department, and Kern County Sheriff's Office, June, 1974.

On 11/24/75, [redacted] Special Agent, Bureau of Investigation, State of California, advised SA [redacted] of the San Jose Resident Agency that during the approximate period 1967 - 1968, Ducote committed several politically oriented burglaries, including the San Jose Peace Center. According to [redacted] Ducote committed the burglaries at the direction of the FBI and gave copies of the stolen materials to both the FBI and Western Research of Oakland, California. [redacted] stated that Ducote will be prosecuted by the State of California for possession of stolen documents and indicated that Ducote will state as his defense that he acted at the direction of the FBI.

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Memorandum to Mr. Gallagher
RE: JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE, aka
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DETAILS: On 12/22/75, Special Agent [redacted] Bureau of Investigation, advised that Ducote had been arrested by them and incarcerated in the Santa Clara County Jail, with bail set at $100,000. He is charged with 14 counts of grand theft and possessing and concealing stolen property. [redacted] stated in their continuing investigation, they now find that Ducote merely alluded to dealing with some security agency and that other people concluded that it must be the FBI.

On 12/24/75, Joseph Jerome Ducote was interviewed by SAs of the FBI at the Santa Clara County Jail and provided the following information:

Ducote advised that he has never worked for the FBI in any capacity. He advised that he did not turn over any documents to Agents of the FBI nor did he ever meet any Bureau Agents who were acting in an undercover capacity.

Ducote stated, however, that Western Research of Oakland, California, had sent an agent down to review papers that he had in his possession. Ducote said he thought this individual was from Army Intelligence based upon the way the person was dressed and in his general appearance. Ducote advised that he had what was believed to be two meets with the CIA, the first being in Washington, D. C., and the second in San Jose, California. He advised that he never directly contacted the CIA for these meetings. Ducote refused to comment on this matter inasmuch as he was concerned it might jeopardize his current position.

Bureau files reveal Western Research Foundation, also known as Research West, Inc., is a private subversive information-gathering and news clipping agency which provides said information to private industry and the House Committee on Un-American Activities, [redacted]

Comprehensive letterhead memoranda and affidavits submitted by both the San Francisco and Sacramento Divisions regardi this matter, specifically deny that Ducote or his associates provided any stolen documents to SAs of the FBI or were ever operated as sources, informants, or at the direction of the FBI.

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RE: JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE
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It is noted, however, that a mailing list for the San Jose Peace Center, one of the organizations reportedly burglarized by Ducote in 1967, was provided to SA [redacted] in 1965, by [redacted] This source obtained the list as a result of [redacted] and not through any contact with Ducote. Bureau files contain no information which would link source with Ducote.

Departmental Attorney William L. Gardner was advised of the status of the pending investigation and furnished copies of all letterhead memoranda and affidavits submitted by San Francisco and Sacramento. Gardner stated that said letterhead memoranda should be furnished to the California authorities in order to assist in their prosecution of Ducote.

By letter dated January 8, 1976, directed to SAC Charles W. Bates, the Attorney General, State of California, and the Chief Assistant District Attorney, Santa Clara County, made written requests for certain original FD-302s and memoranda regarding Ducote, said request in addition to the letterhead memoranda provided, in order to assist in this prosecution ~~of~~ stolen property and grand theft. The State Attorney General was most appreciative of being provided with copies of the comprehensive letterhead memoranda but indicated that certain original documents were necessary.

In addition to the above, Chief Assistant District Attorney William P. Hoffman, Santa Clara County, requested information as to whether the FBI has in its possession a copy of a mailing list of the San Jose Peace Center. The SAC, San Francisco, recommended that in view of fact that the list was provided by [redacted] prior to the date of the reported burglaries, and has no direct bearing re the prosecution of Ducote, that the District Attorney be advised that "This office did not receive a copy of a mailing list of the San Jose Peace Center from either Joseph Jerome Ducote or his associates." The Intelligence Division (INTD) and Legal Counsel Division (LCD) concurred with this reply and SAC Bates was advised accordingly.

With the above exception, there has been no request made by the California authorities for any original memoranda or FD-302s regarding [redacted] or [redacted]

The CRD, USDJ, and the U. S. Attorney, San Francisco, have been provided copies of all affidavits and memoranda and pertinent information regarding this matter.

ACTION: The opinion of the USDJ will be obtained re release of the original FD-302s and other memoranda regarding Ducote and his associates as requested by California authorities. The LCD and INTD concur with this action.

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FBI

Date: 1/16/76

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE, CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (62-6943)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE, aka
Jerry Ducote,
Fred Schwartz,
HENRY GEORGE SCHERLING
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re San Francisco airtel, 1/13/76, and San Francisco telephone call to Bureau, 1/16/76.

Enclosed herewith are 2 copies of a memorandum dated 3/4/68 (SF 62-0-24030) and an FD 302 dated 2/25/70 (SF 47-7771). Assistant District Attorney WILLIAM P. HOFFMAN, Santa Clara County, requests the original documents.

The Bureau is requested to seek a ruling from the Department as to whether or not these can be disseminated.

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Date 2/25/70

JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, 1528 Hanct Avenue, San Jose, California, voluntarily appeared at the San Jose Resident Agency. DUCOTE was advised of the identify of the interviewing agents, the inquiry, and of his rights by SA [redacted]

DUCOTE was advised that investigation was being conducted concerning allegations that he was indicating that he was a member of the House Committee on Unamerican Activities (HCUA). Mr. DUCOTE was asked to comment on this allegation.

He stated that for a number of years he had been working closely with the leadership of the Catholic Church of San Francisco and ferreting out adversive elements in the leadership of the church. He stated that he is presently engaged with KENNETH WILHELM, former director of a Farm Bureau of Santa Clara County, California, and STEPHEN D'ARRIEGIO, a prominent produce farmer in Salinas, California, investigating unamerican activities in California and in particular the Delano Grape Boycott.

Mr. DECOTE stated that they had formed the St. Dismas Publishers Incorporated, Post Office Box 8187, San Jose, California, and recently published a book exposing SOL ALINSKY. According to DECOTE, ALINSKY had set up computers and solicited proxies from stockholders of major companies and has attempted to influence the policies of these companies. DECOTE stated that this book is sold to various companies so that it could be mailed out to major stockholders and that this book has been made available to many Catholics in California. The presentation of this book to Catholics would be to prevent ALINSKY from interfering or influencing Catholic policy, particularly in regard to social action.

On 2/19/70 at San Jose, California File # SF 47-7771

by SA [redacted] 62-116 Date dictated 2/19/70

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He stated that he and his colleagues have provided all subversive information obtained to the California HCUA and that he had met with members of that committee on numerous occasions. He stated that they have made all information available to Western Research, a private organization in the Bay Area, that maintains an index of public source information concerning subversives and subversive activities in the area.

DECOTE stated that he went to Washington approximately two months ago and while there, met with Congressman CHARLES GUBSER, Chief Counsel for the HCUA, Chief Investigator for HCUA, a representative of CIA, and he believes that a Bureau representative was also present.

DEOCTE stated that he told several people that he had consulted with the HCUA and that this statement might have been passed on with the impression that he was employed by the HCUA. DECOTE stated that at no time did he ever state to anone that he was employed by the HCUA or did he attempt to leave that impression with anyone. He stated that if he had left that impression with anyone, he was sorry and apoligizes for any inconvenience he may have caused the FBI. He stated that in all future encounters, he would make it known should the question arrise that he is not employed by any Government Office. He stated that in all instances he states that he is employed by the St. Dismas Publishers Company.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

San Francisco, California

January 2, 1976

JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE
Also Known As
Jerry Ducote
Fred Schwartz;
HENRY GEORGE SCHERLING
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On November 24, 1975, [redacted], Special Agent, Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, State of California, contacted Special Agent [redacted] at the San Jose Resident Agency and said he would like to discuss one Jerry Ducote. [redacted] was advised that our FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) files are maintained in San Francisco and suggested that he contact the San Francisco Field Office. [redacted] replied that he and [redacted], Investigator, Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office, "had gotten themselves into a jam" with Ducote and were seeking assistance. An appointment was arranged for December 1, 1975 at 2 p.m. at the San Jose Resident Agency.

[redacted] and [redacted] appeared at the San Jose FBI Resident Agency on December 1, 1975, and the interview was initiated by [redacted] advising Special Agent (SA) [redacted] of his "rights". They explained that Jerry Ducote had burglarized the San Jose Peace Center, Attorney John Thorne's law office, and Grace McDonald's residence and office (publisher-editor of "California Farm Reporter") in 1967. According to [redacted], Ducote claims he burglarized these addresses at the direction of the FBI, and specifically SA [redacted], and gave copies of the materials stolen to both the FBI and Western Research in Oakland, California. [redacted] pointed out that Ducote will be prosecuted for possession of the stolen documents and states Ducote's defense will be that he acted at the direction of the FBI.

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[redacted] said that his supervisor in the San Francisco office was planning to contact the United States Attorney, James L. Browning, in an effort to obtain FBI files to assist in their investigation.

[redacted] advised that Ducote has witnesses who will testify that he did this work at the direction of the FBI; namely, [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted]

SA [redacted] advise [redacted] and [redacted] that he had interviewed Ducote on one or two occasions but had never directed any activities of Ducote's and had received no materials whatsoever from Ducote.

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Also Known As
Jerry Ducote
Fred Schwartz

The files of the San Francisco Office of the FBI indicate that Ducote appeared at the San Jose Resident Agency in 1968, at which time he was interviewed by SAs [redacted], and [redacted] Ducote indicated that he was working for the Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church of Northern California, located at San Francisco. He said that Archbishop McGucken was concerned about the communist influence in the Farm Workers Union and felt that some of the young priests were being influenced by communists. Ducote requested assistance from the FBI in his investigation. It was pointed out to Ducote at that time that the FBI could not assist him.

On February 19, 1970, Ducote was interviewed at the San Jose Resident Agency by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]. Ducote was advised that an investigation was being conducted concerning allegations that he was indicating that he was a member of the House Committee ~~on Un-American~~ Activities (HCUA).

USA

Ducote stated that for a number of years he had been working closely with the leadership of the Catholic

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Church of San Francisco in ferreting out subversive elements in the leadership of the church. He said he was presently engaged with Kenneth Wilhelm, former director of a farm bureau of Santa Clara County, and Stephen D'Arrigio, a prominent farmer in Salinas, California, in investigating un-American activities in California.

CALIF

Ducote said that he and his colleagues have provided all subversive information obtained to the California House Committee on Un-American Activities and that he had met with members of that committee on numerous occasions. He stated that he and his colleagues have made all information available to Western Research, a private organization in the Bay Area that maintains an index of public source information concerning subversives and subversive activities.

Ducote stated that he went to Washington two months before the interview and met with Congressman Charles Gubser, Chief Consul for the HCUA, Chief Investigator for HCUA, a representative of the Central Intelligence Agency, and he said he believed that a Bureau representative was present.

Ducote told the Agents that he had told several people that he had consulted with the HCUA and that this statement might have been passed on with the impression that he was actually an employee of the HCUA. Ducote denied having impersonated personnel of the HCUA and said he was sorry if he left that impression with anyone.

The facts of this matter were discussed with the United States Attorney's Office and prosecution was declined.

[redacted]

JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE

[redacted]

The facts in this matter were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney Jerry K. Cimmet on February 18, 1975, at which time Mr. Cimmet declined prosecution.

Ducote, using the alias Fred Schwartz, held a prearranged meeting with [redacted], United Farm Workers, Keene, California, on March 25, 1974 at Bakersfield, California. Schwartz claimed to have documents taken in robberies and burglaries which were carried out at the direction of two California growers which would be of interest to the United Farm Workers, and which Schwartz offered to sell [redacted] for $35,000.

Another meeting between [redacted] and Schwartz took place at Bakersfield on March 31, 1974, and this meeting resulted in the identification of Schwartz as Jerry Joseph Ducote, born June 28, 1929 at Gulfport, Mississippi, and at that time a resident of 1528 Hanchette, San Jose, California. [redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted at San Jose, California:

On December 29, 1975, [redacted] Santa Clara County, [redacted] advised that he did not have any direct knowledge that JEROME DUCOTE had provided documents to any Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. [redacted] advised that he first became aware of DUCOTE's activities with respect to several burglaries in Delano, California, and his possession of stolen documents, approximately two months ago. [redacted]

On December 29, 1975, [redacted] Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office, [redacted] advised that DUCOTE never told him directly that DUCOTE had turned over documents to the FBI. [redacted] advised that as he recalled the documents were given to Western Research in Oakland, California. [redacted] advised that [redacted] California State Department of Organized Crime and Criminal Intelligence Bureau, had originally talked to DUCOTE and had obtained a signed statement from DUCOTE pertaining to the burglaries that DUCOTE has been alleged to have been involved in and also as to the distribution of the documents taken in the burglaries.

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HENRY GEORGE SCHERLING

On December 24, 1975, Jerome Joseph Ducote, Inmate, Santa Clara County Jail, North County Facilities, Palo Alto, California, was interviewed by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Ducote was advised of the purpose of the interview, that being Ducote's supposedly having worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and turning over documents to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, these documents being taken from numerous burglaries alleged to have been committed by Ducote in Delano, California. Ducote was advised of his rights by means of a Warning and Waiver of Rights form, which Ducote read, stated that he understood, but before signing he wanted to telephonically contact his attorney, Thomas Salciccia and obtain his okay before doing so. Ducote telephonically contacted his attorney and on the advice of his attorney, signed the Warning and Waiver of Rights form.

Ducote advised that he has never worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in any capacity. He advised that he did not turn over any documents to agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, nor did he ever meet any agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who were acting undercover in any capacity.

Ducote advised that on February 14, 1975, he met with Walter Kubias, California State Department, Organized Crime and Criminal Intelligence Bureau, and provided Kubias with approximately a ninety-five page statement pertaining to his (Ducote's) involvement in the burglaries of the United Farm Worker's Union in Delano, California. Ducote advised that at that time, Kubias made him a promise of no prosecution if he was to tell everything he knew. Ducote advised that the Attorney General's Office in the State of California apparently sat on this matter until October 15, 1975, when it was again brought to light. He advised that apparently John Lilly of the California State Attorney General's Office took over the investigation from Kubias.

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HENRY GEORGE SCHERLING

Ducote advised that during his discussions with Kubias he at no time ever mentioned or stated that he was employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, nor did he ever state that he had given documents to agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He further advised that no names of FBI agents were ever mentioned in his discussions with Kubias.

Ducote advised that Western Research, which is located in Oakland, California, had sent an agent down to review papers that he (Ducote) had in his possession. Ducote said that he thought this individual was from Army Intelligence based on the way the person was dressed and his general appearance. Ducote advised that he had what he believed were two meetings with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the first being in Washington, D. C., and the second in San Jose, California. He advised that he never directly contacted the CIA for these meetings, but that the contact was made by the Farmer's Union. Ducote did not comment further on this matter inasmuch as he was concerned that it might jeopardize his current position. Ducote advised that he also thought that at one time he had met with an Air Force intelligence officer with respect to the matter.

In addition, the following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	Jerome Joseph Ducote
Home address	2108 Belaire San Jose, California
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	June 28, 1929
Height	6'3"
Weight	230 pounds
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Brown
California State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (CII) Number	5 407 222
CJIC Number	7557284
Scars	Scar on left forearm

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On December 29 and December 30, 1975, attempts to contact [redacted] at Salinas, California, telephone number [redacted] proved unsuccessful. A message was left to have [redacted] contacted SA [redacted] at the Federal Bureau of Investigation Office in San Jose, California.

On December 31, 1975, attempt to contact [redacted] revealed that he was out of town until approximately January 5, 1976.

MINUTEMEN

The Minutemen organization was organized in 1960, reportedly to resist the spread of communism in the United States by use of guerrilla tactics. Robert B. DePugh, national coordinator of the Minutemen, was sentenced in October, 1970, for violations of the Federal Firearms Act. At the time of his arrest DePugh was in possession of documents concerned with guerrilla warfare and other paraphernalia, including hand grenades, gun silencers, and a machine gun. DePugh was released on parole during April, 1973, and in June, 1973, indicated he planned to revitalize the Minutemen into a "two-armed organization." Arm number one was to be utilized as a political front organization to sway elections and control local and state political structures. Arm number two was to be an underground guerrilla organization made up of "strike teams." These "strike teams" are to be under direct control of DePugh and their existence is to be unknown to everyone, including Minutemen State Coordinators.

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FBI

Date: 1/9/76

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (62-464) (C)

SUBJECT: JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, aka;
HENRY GEORGE SCHERLING
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Sacramento nitel to the Bureau (no copy to Butte) and San Francisco airtel to the Bureau, both dated 1/2/76.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies, for San Francisco five copies and for Butte one copy of LHM dated and captioned as above. Also enclosed for the Bureau are two copies each of sworn affidavits of SAs [redacted] and [redacted] of the Sacramento Division. (Originals of these statements are maintained in Agents' personnel files.)

No further investigation appears necessary concerning this matter in the Sacramento Division at this time; however, it is felt that enclosed comprehensive LHM concerning prior investigation in this division may be of value to the Bureau and San Francisco for dissemination purposes.

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Fred Schwartz;
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On March 31, 1974, a physical surveillance was conducted in the coffee shop of the Ramada Inn and its immediate vicinity, 2620 Pierce Road, Bakersfield. It was noted that at 3:34 p.m. on that date, a white male, age 45 to 50, 6 feet 1 inch to 2 inches, 215 to 220 pounds, gray hair, wearing a black sweater vest, polka dot shirt and carrying a dark colored briefcase, entered the coffee shop and met with [redacted] They talked until 4:12 p.m., at which time [redacted] left. At 4:16 p.m., March 31, 1974, the

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unknown man who was previously with [redacted] left the coffee shop for the motel exit and walked to a 1974 brown Buick, California license 816 JZH. This man proceeded to drive directly to the Hilton Inn, 3535 Rosedale Highway, Bakersfield. This unknown man was photographed by a Special Agent of the FBI from a concealed position approximately 100 feet from the coffee shop door. The individual referred to above who met with [redacted] was later determined to be Jerome Joseph Ducote.

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Also Known As
Jerry Ducote,
Fred Schwartz;
HENRY GEORGE SCHERLING

[redacted]

After the above contact with [redacted] and still on April 1, 1974, an individual who identified himself as Fred Schwartz telephonically contacted the Bakersfield Office of the FBI and stated he had been in contact with Jerry Cohen. Schwartz said that Cohen told him he had talked to Senator Kennedy's Office, who would make arrangements for him, Schwartz, to furnish information to the FBI. He declined to discuss the matter on the telephone and made an appointment to appear in the FBI Office at Bakersfield at 9:30 a.m., April 4, 1974.

On April 2, 1974, Ducote was contacted by FBI Agents at Room 240 of the Hilton Inn in Bakersfield and advised as follows:

He admitted he has been in contact with Jerry Cohen of the UFWU and George Baker of the Fresno Bee during the past two weeks using the name Fred Schwartz. He also admitted he is the same individual who contacted Special Agent [redacted] by telephone on the afternoon of April 1, 1974, using the name Fred Schwartz, and made an appointment with Special Agent [redacted] for 9:30 a.m., April 4, 1974. He intended to delay talking to the FBI until April 4, 1974, in order to confer with his attorney, Hal Chapman, of San Jose, California, telephone 408-294-2270. He intends to leave Bakersfield on April 2, 1974, to discuss his situation with Chapman and return on the

evening of April 3, 1974.

He apologetically declined to furnish any details concerning his situation but did furnish the following information concerning the reasons for his recent actions under the name Schwartz:

During the past four years he has been self-employed in the public relations business. During this same period, he and others were engaged in gathering intelligence for certain California growers, mainly concerning UFWU and its Director, Cesar Chavez. He is now "boxed in" because of his past activities with the growers. He is in debt in the amount of $20,000 in connection with a past loan and pressure is being exerted for repayment. He had been advised by his attorney to declare bankruptcy, since the matter appeared to be of a civil nature; however, at present the local District Attorney's Office at San Jose is contemplating criminal fraud charges. He described another man involved with him as having nine children. He would not elaborate on the above information.

He was formerly employed by the Saint Dismas Publishing Company, San Jose, which company is no longer in business. Prior to that time, and during the period 1954 through 1963, he was a deputy sheriff for the Santa Clara, California, County Sheriff's Office.

Ducote furnished the following background information concerning himself:

Name	Jerome Joseph Ducote
Aliases	Jerry Ducote Fred Schwartz
Sex	Male
Race	White

JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE,
Also Known As
Jerry Ducote,
Fred Schwartz;
HENRY GEORGE SCHERLING

Date of Birth	June 28, 1929
Place of Birth	Gulfport, Mississippi
Residence	1528 Hanchette San Jose, California
Height	6 feet 3 inches
Weight	225 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Gray, receding
Marital Status	Married
Military Service	U. S. Army, 1949 - 1953, Army Serial Number 19324764 (not sure if correct number)
Social Security Account Number	571-20-3937
Wife	Mary Ducote 1528 Hanchette San Jose, California
Children	Seven, ranging from age five to age 16, all residing with parents
Mother	Mrs. E. M. Ducote 664 North 15th Street San Jose, California
Sister	Lee Smith street address unknown Saratoga, California, whose husband, Quentin, is an attorney

On April 3, 1974, Ducote telephonically contacted the FBI at Bakersfield, stating that he was calling from San Jose, California, to advise that he would not be able to confer with his attorney until April 6, 1974, and would, thereafter, make an appointment to be interviewed by the FBI at Bakersfield, stating he did not desire to be contacted at San Jose.

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[redacted]

Ducote telephonically advised the FBI at Bakersfield on April 8, 1974, that he and his attorney were scheduled to confer with Santa Clara County, California, Assistant District Attorney Dennis Lempert and his attorney had advised to delay a meeting with the FBI until talks with Lempert are concluded.

[redacted]

Ducote telephonically contacted the FBI at Bakersfield on April 18, 1974, to advise that he was then ready to furnish information to the FBI. He said his attorney, Hal Chapman, of San Jose, requested that he, Ducote, be interviewed at San Jose. He requested that Chapman be contacted for an interview date. On April 19, 1974, Chapman was contacted at 111 West St. John Street, San Jose, at which time Ducote was present.

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Chapman advised that Ducote had information pertaining to the UFWU and had obtained this information as a result of working for some people (people not identified). Chapman said Ducote became involved and these people backed out, stating that this information is "bigger than Watergate". Chapman, at that time, desired to have Ducote granted immunity from Federal prosecution before divulging the information. Chapman said that this information involves politicians and others not identified, and he believes that Ducote's life may possibly be in danger. Chapman said he also desired immunity for Ducote from local prosecution.

This information was furnished to the U. S. Department of Justice, who advised that Chapman should be referred directly to the Civil Rights Division of that department concerning the above request for immunity.

On April 22, 1974, [redacted] telephonically advised the FBI at Bakersfield that he had determined that Fred Schwartz' true name is Jerry Ducote, a resident of San Jose. He said he had verified that [redacted] of [redacted] San Jose, [redacted] was the director of the Saint Dismas Publishing Company, a California corporation, and that [redacted] of [redacted] Los Altos, California, and Ducote were officers of that corporation. This corporation ceased operations, according to [redacted] on February 1, 1973, for non-payment of taxes. [redacted] said the Saint Dismas Publishing Company only printed one book, which publication concerned the life of Sol Aulinsky of Chicago, Illinois.

On April 25, 1974, Dennis Lempert was advised of Chapman's concern for Ducote, and he stated that he would be alert for anything that might threaten Ducote's life.

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Since possible violations of California statutes were involved in this matter, the Criminal Division of the Kern County Sheriff's Office, Bakersfield, California, as well as the Delano Police Department, were advised of the allegations and information developed concerning this matter.

None of the alleged stolen documents referred to above were ever received by the Sacramento Division of the FBI, which division covers Bakersfield, California, and Ducote was never a "source" or "informant" of the Sacramento Division.

Henry George Scherling has never furnished the Sacramento Division of the FBI any type of information or documents.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 12/30/75

JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, Inmate, Santa Clara County Jail, North County Facilities, Palo Alto, Calif., was advised as to the identities of the interviewing Agents. SA [redacted] advised DUCOTE of the purpose of the interview, that being DUCOTE's supposedly having worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and turning over documents to the FBI, these documents being taken from numerous burglaries alleged to have been committed by DUCOTE in Delano, California. SA [redacted] advised DUCOTE of his rights by means of a Warning and Waiver of Rights form, which DUCOTE read, stated that he understood, but before signing he wanted to telephonically contact his attorney, THOMAS SALCICCIA and obtain his okay before doing so. DUCOTE telephonically contacted his attorney and on the advice of his attorney, signed the Warning and Waiver of Rights form.

DUCOTE advised that he has never worked for the FBI in any capacity. He advised that he did not turn over any documents to Agents of the FBI, nor did he ever meet any Agents of the FBI who were acting undercover in any capacity.

DUCOTE advised that on February 14, 1975, he met with WALTER KUBIAS, California State Department of Organized Crime and Criminal Intelligence Bureau, and provided KUBIAS with approximately a ninety-five page statement pertaining to the United Farm Worker's Union in Delano, California. DUCOTE advised that at that time, KUBIAS made him a promise of no prosecution if he was to tell everything he knew. DUCOTE advised that the Attorney General's Office in the State of California apparently sat on this matter until October 15, 1975, when it was again brought to light. He advised that apparently JOHN LILLY of the California State Attorney General's Office took over the investigation from KUBIAS.

DUCOTE advised that during his discussions with KUBIAS, he at no time ever mentioned or stated that he was employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, nor did he

Interviewed on 12/29/75 at Palo Alto, California File # SF 62-6943

by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] Date dictated 12/30/75

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ever state that he had given documents to Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He further advised that no names of FBI Agents were ever mentioned in his discussions with KUBIAS.

DUCOTE advised that Western Research, which is located in Oakland, California, had sent an Agent down to review papers that he (DUCOTE) had in his possession. DUCOTE said that he thought this individual was from Army Intelligence based on the way the person was dressed and his general appearance. DUCOTE advised that he had what he believed were two meetings with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the first being in Washington, D.C., and the second in San Jose, California. He advised that he never directly contacted the CIA for these meetings, but that the contact was made by the Farmer's Union. DUCOTE did not comment further on this matter inasmuch as he was concerned that it might jeopardize his current position. DUCOTE advised that he also thought that at one time he had met with an Air Force intelligence officer with respect to the matter.

In addition, the following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE
Home address	2108 Belaire San Jose, California
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	June 28, 1929
Height	6'3"
Weight	230 pounds
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Brown
CII No.	5 407 222
CJIC No.	7557284
Scars	Scar on left forearm

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 1/6/76

JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, Inmate, Santa Clara County Jail, North County Facilities, Palo Alto, California, was advised as to the identities of the interviewing Agents. SA [redacted] advised DUCOTE that the purpose of the interview was based upon his (DUCOTE) telephone call to the San Jose Resident Agency of the FBI requesting that he be able to talk to an Agent and clarify the newspaper article that appeared in the San Jose "Mercury" on January 2, 1976 in which an unknown source stated that documents were given to the FBI, these same documents being stolen from burglaries committed by DUCOTE. SA [redacted] advised DUCOTE of his rights by means of a Warning and Waiver of Rights form, which DUCOTE read, stated that he understood and signed.

DUCOTE advised that he telephonically contacted the San Jose Resident Agency of the FBI and requested that an Agent interview him concerning a newspaper article that appeared in the San Jose "Mercury" on January 2, 1976. He advised that the reason that he wanted to be interviewed was that he wanted to state that he was not the unknown source that said documents had been turned over to the FBI. He stated that he believed that the individual responsible for this was JERRY BOISE (ph). He advised that BOISE was a dance instructor at the San Jose Recreation Department. He described BOISE further as being approximately age 46, with reddish graying hair. He said that he is normally in the Country Inn Restaurant at approximately 9:00 AM every morning. This Country Inn Restaurant is located in the Town and Country Shopping Plaza in San Jose, California.

DUCOTE advised that he (DUCOTE) has never talked to a Special Agent of the FBI by the name of BUCK SAMPLE. He said that he knows BUCK SAMPLE, but that he has never talked to him. DUCOTE stated that he has never talked to the FBI in Los Angeles, California, in 1973.

DUCOTE stated that he believes that the purpose of BOISE saying that documents were given to the FBI is that BOISE wants to hurt R. KEN WILHELM, who was in on the deal with him (DUCOTE). DUCOTE did not further elaborate on

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By SAs ADRIAN D. COULTER and [illegible] Date dictated 1/6/76

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his (DUCOTE) connection with WILHELM. DUCOTE said that BOISE previously had dealings with WILHELM and BOISE feels that he got the short end of the deal.

DUCOTE advised that he first met BOISE approximately one year ago. He believed that this meeting first took place in October or November of 1974 at the Howard Johnson Restaurant in San Jose, California. He advised that BOISE made the first contact with him. Thereafter, BOISE acted as a go-between between DUCOTE and WALTER KUBAS, an investigator for the State of California. DUCOTE advised that it was BOISE who finally set up a meeting between himself and KUBAS.

DUCOTE stated that he believes that BOISE is paranoiac. He advised that BOISE had told him in the past that he gets his messages from the license numbers from the people that are following him. BOISE feels that everyone is against him and that this plot against BOISE was perpetrated by WILHELM. DUCOTE feels that the purpose that BOISE is providing information to the newspaper is in an effort to destroy WILHELM.

DUCOTE advised that BOISE had told him that he (BOISE) had been to the FBI, Secret Service, and to the Office of DON EDWARDS in the past. DUCOTE said that he was not aware of the exact dates that these contacts took place. DUCOTE stated that he never has told BOISE that he had turned over any documents to the FBI.

DUCOTE advised that he was told by his attorney, STEVE LEWIS of San Francisco, California, that BOISE had told someone that he (BOISE) was the source of the information that appeared in the newspaper on January 2, 1976. DUCOTE advised that LEWIS could be reached at 100 Bush Street, San Francisco, and had telephone number 468-0800.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-116783) #37 DATE: 5/27/76
(ATTN: OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL AND CIVIL RIGHTS)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (62-6943) (P)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE, aka
Jerry Ducote,
Fred Schwartz
HENRY GEORGE SCHERLING
INFORMATION CONCERNING
CIVIL RIGHTS

Re San Francisco nitel 5/13/76 advising that a verbatum transcript of Santa Clara County Assistant District Attorney WILLIAM HOFFMAN's testimony on 5/10/76 would be obtained from Santa Clara County Superior Court.

A review of the transcripts indicates that HOFFMAN inferred in his testimony during a pretrial hearing that SAC CHARLES W. BATES lied to him but he did not make that statement as set out in San Jose newspaper dated 5/11/76. A pertinent part of the testimony is set out, "Question: Now, when Mr. MC COLLUM talked to Agent SAMPLE, Agent SAMPLE indicated to Mr. MC COLLUM that he had received several years ago, approximately 1967, presumably a mailing list for the San Jose Peace Center. Did Mr. MC COLLUM relate that information to you? Answer: That's right. Question: That he had received this information through an informant? Answer: Well, to go back so I can answer your question, Attorney General ERIC COLLINS had written the FBI before we ever got in the matter about the time we got in it anyway before I started doing anything and asked for a specific number of statements and any documents of the type taken in any of the burglaries from the FBI. They wrote back, gave us a synopsis, not any of the statements, which I got a copy of, and about the same time I got a letter from Mr. BATES which 'incidentally, I don't think any of those letters came to me. He writes the boss, I write him and he writes the boss, and the boss gives me the letters. But he said he had none of the documents at any time taken in any of the burglaries. I knew that

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he did have some, so then I wrote him back and told him that I knew he had some of the documents. And then he said that somebody else stole them for him. The Court: Somebody else what? The Witness: Somebody else stole them for him. They had an informer or somebody that stole them for him. Those were the only from the Peace Center in San Jose. Those are the only ones that we happen to know he had and he didn't happen to know we knew he had.'"

During an interview by DA Investigator [redacted] and State Investigator [redacted] on 12/1/75, SA [redacted] in an effort of cooperation to resolve innuendoes of complicity advised the Investigators that the FBI had a mailing list of the San Jose Peace Center from another source and would have had no occasion to accept one from JERRY DUCOTE known to the FBI as an unreliable individual. The San Francisco office later wrote to the District Attorney's office and categorically denied receipt or possession of any material taken in burglaries conducted by DUCOTE.

SA [redacted] testified at the pretrial hearing on 5/19/76 and the Court record now contains the true facts concerning the Peace Center mailing list in the possession of the FBI. It is to be noted that HOFFMAN and his staff have been obsessed with the notion that the Bureau directed DUCOTE's burglaries.

On 12/5/75 a meeting was held at San Francisco including USA JAMES L. BROWNING, Jr., Deputy Attorney General ERIC COLLINS, and SAC CHARLES W. BATES. At this meeting COLLINS said that he would like to have certain information from FBI files and that he would direct a letter to this office setting out a formal request. The letter from COLLINS dated 12/10/75 was received by the San Francisco FBI office on 12/17/75 inasmuch as it was directed to USA BROWNING and was eventually forwarded to the San Francisco FBI office.

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By letter dated 1/2/76 a detailed letterhead memorandum was furnished Deputy Attorney General ERIC COLLINS and Santa Clara County District Attorney LOUIS BERGNA. This memorandum contained all pertinent information in the files of the San Francisco and Sacramento Divisions. Deputy Attorney General ERIC COLLINS then requested original serials setting out the information referred to in the LHM and upon approval by the Department of Justice all these serials were furnished COLLINS and BERGNA by letter dated 1/29/76. It is to be noted that the first letter forwarded by Assistant District Attorney HOFFMAN to SAC BATES was dated 1/2/76. On 12/30/75, [redacted], [redacted] Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office, telephonically contacted Bureau officials in Washington and complained that SAC BATES was not cooperating, would not furnish requested materials, and would not return telephone calls or answer letters which is all false. During the course of this investigation Assistant DA HOFFMAN has written letters of a threatening type asking for certain statements and documents that do not exist.

For the information of the Bureau, the pretrial hearing relative to Defendant HENRY SCHERLING has been completed and the Judge's decision to dismiss the charges requested in the motion made by the Defense Attorney is being awaited. The Bureau will be kept advised.

A copy of the transcript of Assistant District Attorney WILLIAM P. HOFFMAN's testimony on 5/10/76 is enclosed for the Bureau's information.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-116783)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (62-6943)

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Re Buairtel, 6/28/76.

The 6/30/76 issue of the "San Jose News" indicated that JERRY DUCOTE was ordered sent to Vacaville for a 90 day diagnostic evaluation before final sentencing by Superior Court Judge JAMES DUVARAS, JR. on 6/30/76.

The news article indicated that "immediately after the brief session SALCICCIA, DUCOTE's attorney, and DUCOTE disappeared into the chambers of Judge JOSEPH P. KELLY who has under submission a pre-trial attempt by DUCOTE's sidekick, HENRY GEORGE SCHERLING, to have charges against him dismissed."

The Bureau will be kept advised.

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INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 9/16/76, Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge JAMES DUVARES, Jr. sentenced DUCOTE to pay a $3000 fine, five years probation, and one year jail sentence suspended. DUCOTE was ordered to make $20,000 restitution to friends he had bilked in a bad loan scheme. DUCOTE had faced a maximum of 70 years in state prison on 7 felony counts.

The 9/17/76 issue of the "San Francisco Chronicle" indicated that DUCOTE has accepted a $20,000 advance from Simon and Schuster to write a book about his exploits as a "misguided patriot" collaborating with WARREN HINCKLE, former editor of Rampart's Magazine, San Francisco. It was further indicated that DUCOTE plans to hit the lecture circuit as he has had numerous offers.

HENRY GEORGE SCHERLING is scheduled to go to trial, Santa Clara County Superior Court 10/18/76. The Bureau will be kept advised.

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SUBJECT: JEROME DUCOTE

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PLAINTEXT TELETYPE URGENT

4/1/74

TO SACS SACRAMENTO (44-625)
SAN FRANCISCO

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

1 - Mr. [redacted]
1 - Mr. [redacted]
1 - Mr. [redacted]

UNSUB; [redacted], UNITED FARM WORKERS, BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS OO: SC.

HQ 44-60006, #4

RESCTEL TO BUREAU AND SAN FRANCISCO MARCH 31, 1974.

THIS MATTER DISCUSSED WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND THEY REQUESTED INVESTIGATION CONTINUE TO FULLY IDENTIFY FRED SCHWARTZ, ALSO KNOWN AS, CHARLES SCHWARTZ, THE INDIVIDUAL WHO MET WITH [redacted] UNITED FARM WORKERS (UFW) AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA, MARCH 25, 1974, AND MARCH 31, 1974.

SACRAMENTO AND SAN FRANCISCO EXPEDITE EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY SCHWARTZ. ONCE HE IS PROPERLY IDENTIFIED, SUTEL SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION AND FOLLOW WITH LHM CONTAINING FULL DETAILS THIS INVESTIGATION. ONCE IDENTIFIED, NO ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO INTERVIEW INDIVIDUAL KNOWN AS SCHWARTZ UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY BY THE BUREAU.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, BUFILES REVEAL THAT IN 1964 A SOURCE

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TELETYPE TO SACS SC, SF
RE: UNSUB; JERRY COHEN - VICTIM

OF ALCOHOL, TAX AND TOBACCO UNIT (AT&T) TREASURY DEPARTMENT REPORTED ONE JERRY DUCOTE WAS MEMBER OF SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, UNIT OF "MINUTEMEN" AND WAS LISTED AS DIRECTOR OF FREEDOM BOOK SHOP, 60 EAST SAN FERNANDO STREET, SAN JOSE. [redacted] DUCOTE WAS [redacted] CHARACTERIZED BY THE PERSON FURNISHING INFORMATION AS BEING AN UNSTABLE INDIVIDUAL. DUCOTE WAS LISTED IN THE "SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE" AS BEING A MEMBER OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.

[redacted]

TELETYPE TO SACS, SC, SF
RE: UNSUB; JERRY COHEN - VICTIM

[redacted]

BASED UPON INFORMATION FURNISHED, IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE IDENTICAL TO THOSE PERSONS DESCRIBED IN RESCTEL. BUFILES CONTAIN NUMEROUS REFERENCES TO A CHARLES AND FRED SCHWARTZ; HOWEVER, DUE TO THE NUMBER OF REFERENCES AND THE LACK OF MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION, NO ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO REVIEW THESE REFERENCES.

TELETYPE TO SACS, SC, SF
RE: UNSUB; [redacted] - VICTIM

NOTE: This concerns a limited Civil Rights investigation being conducted by our Sacramento Division, pursuant to a Departmental request, into alleged break-ins of UFW offices and an attempt by one Fred Schwartz to sell documents taken during these break-ins to the UFW for a sum of $35,000.

[redacted] On 4/1/74, Mr. William L. Gardner, CRD, advised investigation should continue to fully identify Schwartz and once identified, information developed during investigation should be furnished to appropriate local and Federal authorities. This instructs SC and SF to expedite investigation to identify Schwartz and to suLHM results. [redacted]

Bufiles 62-107261-293 indicated that one Jerry Ducote was reported in 1964 to be a member of the San Jose, California, Unit of the "Minutemen."

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4:15 PM URGENT 4-2-74 WCH

TO DIRECTOR

LOS ANGELES

SAN FRANCISCO (44-1413)

FROM SACRAMENTO (44-625) (P) 2P

CHANGED. JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, AKA FRED SCHWARTZ; [redacted] UNITED FARM WORKERS, KEENE, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM, CR.

TITLE CHANGED TO SHOW IDENTITY OF SUBJECT AND CORRECT LOCATION OF UNITED FARM WORKERS (UFW) OFFICE AS KEENE, CALIFORNIA. TITLE FORMERLY CARRIED AS "UNSUB, [redacted] UNITED FARM WORKERS, BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM, CR."

RE SC AND SF TELETYPES TO THE BUREAU, APRIL 1, 1974.

SUBJECT, WHITE MALE, BORN JUNE 28, 1929, GULFPORT, LOUISIANA, SSAN 571-20-3939, WAS CONTACTED BY BUAGENTS AT BAKERSFIELD, APRIL 2, 1974, AND ADMITTED HIS IDENTITY AS SET FORTH ABOVE. HE ALSO ADMITTED CONTACTING SA [redacted] ON TELEPHONE APRIL 1, 1974, USING NAME OF FRED SCHWARTZ TO ARRANGE FOR MEETING THE FBI, BAKERSFIELD, ON APRIL 4, 1974. SUBJECT DECLINED TO DISCUSS DATAILS

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OF MATTER AT HAND UNTIL HE CONFERS WITH HIS ATTORNEY, HAL CHAPMAN, TELEPHONE 408-294-2270, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, BUT DID FURNISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RE HIS RECENT ACTIONS UNDER THE NAME OF FRED SCHWARTZ:

DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS HE HAS BEEN SELF-EMPLOYED IN PUBLIC RELATIONS BUSINESS. DURING SAME TIME HE AND OTHERS WERE ENGAGED IN GATHERING INTELLIGENCE FOR CERTAIN CALIFORNIA GROWERS, MAINLY CONCERNING UFW. HE IS NOW "BOXED IN" BECAUSE OF SUCH ACTIVITIES AND IS IN DEBT IN AMOUNT OF $20,000 RE PAST LOAN, WITH PRESSURE BEING EXERTED FOR REPAYMENT. IN CONNECTION WITH LOAN, DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, SAN JOSE, NOW CONTEMPLATING CRIMINAL FRAUD CHARGES AGAINST HIM AND ANOTHER MAN WHO HE DESCRIBED AS HAVING NINE CHILDREN. HE WOULD NOT ELABORATE ON ABOVE, BUT SAID HE INTENDS TO KEEP APPOINTMENT WITH SA[redacted]ON APRIL 4, 1974, AND MAY HAVE ATTORNEY WITH HIM.

UACB DUCOTE WILL BE INTERVIEWED ON APRIL 4, 1974, IN PRESENCE OF ATTORNEY IF NECESSARY.

LOS ANGELES DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION REQUESTED IN REFERENCED SACRAMENTO TELETYPE.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
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TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, aka Fred Schwartz; [redacted] United Farm Workers, Keene, California - VICTIM	[redacted]	vck
	CHARACTER OF CASE: CIVIL RIGHTS	

REFERENCE: Bureau telephone call to Sacramento, 3/27/74;
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Bureau nitel to Sacramento, 4/2/74;
San Francisco teletype to Bureau, 4/10/74;
Sacramento airtel to Bureau, 4/15/74.
Sacramento nitel to Bureau, 4/18/74.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

As in referenced nitel of 4/18/74, the subject has requested an interview at San Jose, California, therefore, this case is being maintained in a pending status at Sacramento until results of that interview are known.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☐ NONE					ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
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San Francisco is being furnished an information copy of this report in the event of any further request for investigation in that Division.

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AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA: Report results of interview of subject.

SACRAMENTO

AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA: Will conduct additional investigation if requested by Bureau after results of subject's interview are studied.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of: [redacted] Office: Sacramento, California
Date: 4/19/74

Field Office File #: 44-625 Bureau File #:

Title: JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE;
[redacted]
UNITED FARM WORKERS,
KEENE, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

[redacted] United Farm Workers (UFW) [redacted] held prearranged meeting with one FRED SCHWARTZ, 3/25/74, at Bakersfield, Calif. SCHWARTZ claimed to have documents taken in robberies ~~whereby~~ or by informants at direction of two California growers, which would be of interest to UFW, and which he offered to sell [redacted] for $35,000. Another meeting between [redacted] and SCHWARTZ took place at Bakersfield, 3/31/74, and was observed by Buagents. SCHWARTZ was photographed at this meeting and later identified as subject JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, white male, dob 6/28/29, Gulfport, Mississippi, residence 1528 Hanchette, San Jose, Calif.

[redacted] subject telephonically contacted the FBI Office Bakersfield, Calif., under name SCHWARTZ, and said he would submit to interview 4/4/74. Subject was contacted at Bakersfield, 4/2/74, by Buagents and stated he had been in business of gathering intelligence for certain California growers re UFW activities, that he is in debt for $20,000, and that he expects criminal charges to be filed against him. He

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would not elaborate until he could confer with attorney. On 4/3/74, and 4/8/74, subject telephonically contacted FBI Bakersfield, and said he would appear for interview as soon as he receives approval from his attorney, HAL CHAPMAN. [redacted]

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DETAILS:

The following are the results of a limited investigation.

By letter dated March 28, 1974, from J. STANLEY POTTINGER, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, to the Director of the FBI, the following background information and instructions were received:

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On March 31, 1974, a physical surveillance was conducted in the CoffeeShop of the Ramada Inn, and immediate vicinity, 2620 Pierce Road, Bakersfield, California, and the following was noted:

At 3:26 P.M., [redacted] United Farm Workers Union, entered the CoffeeShop through the west door. At 3:34 P.M. a white male, age 45-50, 6 feet 1 inch to 2 inches, 215 - 220 pounds, grey hair, wearing a black sweater vest, polka dot shirt, carrying a dark colored briefcase, entered the same door and met with [redacted] They talked until [redacted] left at 4:12 P.M. At 4:16 P.M., the unknown man who was with [redacted] left the Coffee Shop through the north exit, walked approximately 40 feet north and entered a 1974 brown Buick, California license [illegible]. He proceeded directly to the Hilton Inn, 3500 Landale Highway, Bakersfield, arriving there at 4:21 P.M., March 31, 1974.

This unknown man was photographed from a concealed position approximately 100 feet away by Special Agent [redacted] as he entered and exited the Ramada Inn Coffee Shop.

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The following are two of the photographs taken of the man who met with [redacted] as discussed above (this person was later identified as J[illegible] [illegible]):

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A check of room registration cards at the Hilton Inn, 3535 Rosedale Highway, determined the following information:

On March 30, 1974, a JERRY DUCOTE, 1528 Hanchett, San Jose, California, registered at the Hilton Inn, Room 240, registration card number 33699. The card showed a vehicle as a 1974 Appollo, California license 816-JZH, and a firm as St. Dismas Publishing. DUCOTE checked in at 10:56 A.M. and indicated he was checking out on April 1, 1974. Only one person was indicated on the registration card.

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Records of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Sacramento, California, were caused to be reviewed on March 31, 1974 and revealed that California automobile license 816 JZH is registered to the National Car Rental System, of [redacted], Post Office [redacted] San Luis Obispo, California.

Attempts to obtain a photograph copy of the driver's license of either DUGGTE or [redacted] on April 1, 1974, from DMV by Special Clerk [redacted] revealed that the system was under repair and is expected to be operational on April 8, 1974. Department of Motor Vehicles records do indicate that [redacted], [redacted], Los Angeles, California (as of May 29, 1973) and [redacted], [redacted], Atascadero, California (as of January 10, 1974) formerly of [redacted] San Jose, California, both have current driver's licenses. These records describe DUGGTE as being born May 31, 1933, 5 feet 8 inches, 150 pounds, blond hair, green eyes. [redacted] is described as being born on January 13, 1918, 5 feet 9 inches, 1[illegible] pounds, grey hair and hazel eyes.

[redacted]

On the evening of March 31, 1974, [redacted] advised as follows:

SCHWARTZ telephoned him at about 8:30 P.M., March 31, 1974, for a final decision from UFW. He told SCHWARTZ that the UFW Board had decided not to pay

any money in connection with this matter. He further told SCHWARTZ that he had communicated with the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice who advised him to tell SCHWARTZ to contact the FBI at Bakersfield concerning the documents. [redacted] said he told SCHWARTZ to contact Special Agent [redacted] at the Bakersfield FBI Office and furnished SCHWARTZ the telephone number of that office. SCHWARTZ indicated he would contact the FBI on April 1, 1974.

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At 4:20 P.M., April 1, 1974, an individual who identified himself as FRED SCHWARTZ telephonically contacted Special Agent [redacted] at the Bakersfield Office of the FBI and advised as follows:

He has been in contact with JERRY COHEN and COHEN told him he had talked to Senator's KENNEDY's Office who would make arrangements for him, SCHWARTZ, to furnish information to the FBI. He declined to discuss the matter on the telephone and made an appointment to appear in the FBI Office, Bakersfield, at 9:30 A.M., April 4, 1974.

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On April 1, 1974, the San Francisco Division of the FBI advised as follows:

On April 1, 1974, a review of the 1973 Polk Directory, covering San Jose, revealed a JEROME DUCOTE and MARY DUCOTE residing at 1528 Hanchette Avenue, telephone 295-1837, San Jose, California.

A review of the records of the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, San Jose, on April 1, 1974, reveal that on September 18, 1973, the subject was cited in his vehicle for excessive smoke. The business address listed on the citation was 1528 Hanchette Avenue, San Jose, California. DUCOTE's driver's license number is Z0368231, in the State of California, with a birthdate of June 28, 1929. The sheriff's department has an outstanding warrant in the amount of $29.00 for this violation as DUCOTE failed to appear.

The California Department of Motor Vehicles, Registration Division, has on file a 1969 Chevrolet station wagon, with California license ZEG 561, being registered to MARY DUCOTE, 1528 Hanchette Avenue, San Jose, California, with the legal owner shown as the Bank of America, 280 South Second Street, San Jose.

The records of the Tax Assessor's Office for Santa Clara County, California, do not reveal DUCOTE as owning any real property in this county.

A review of the San Jose City Business Directory Section does not reveal any information identifiable with the St. Dismis Publishing Company. The telephone directory and telephone information services covering San Jose, do not have any information identifiable with this company.

The records of the fictitious name index at the Santa Clara County Recorders Office in San Jose does not have any information identifiable with the St. Dismis Publishing Company or the subject. The Plaintiff-Defendant Index located at the Santa Clara County Recorders Office does not show any information identifiable with the subject during 1973 and to the present.

Inquiries at the U.S. Post Office, San Jose, covering 1528 Hanchette Avenue, does not reveal any change of address for either the subject or MARY DUCOTE or St. Dismis Publishing Company.

A review of the records of the San Jose Police Department pertaining to the subject was negative.

A random sampling of other publishers in the San Jose area do not reveal any information identifiable with the St. Dismis Publishing Company.

[redacted]

A review of the records of the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office and San Jose Police Department do not reveal any identifying information associated with [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

On April 2, 1974, instructions were received at the department requesting immediate interview be conducted of FRED SCHWARTZ and or JERRY DUCOTE and [redacted] in order to ascertain full details surrounding their involvement in this matter. It was further advised that no attempt should be made to interview [redacted] and that no contact should be made with the St. Dismis Publishers unless necessary to do so to locate one of those individuals to be interviewed.

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JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, also known as Fred Schwartz, was contacted at Room 240 of the Hilton Inn, 3535 Rosedale Highway, Bakersfield, California, and advised as follows:

He admitted he has been in contact with JERRY COHEN of the United Farm Workers Union (UFW) and GEORGE BAKER of the "Fresno Bee" during the past two weeks using the name FRED SCHWARTZ. He also admitted he is the same individual who contacted Special Agent [redacted] by telephone on the afternoon of April 1, 1974, using the name FRED SCHWARTZ, and made an appointment with Special Agent [redacted] for 9:30 A.M., April 4, 1974. He intended to delay talking to the FBI until April 4, 1974, in order to confer with his attorney, HAL CHAPMAN, of San Jose, California, telephone 408-294-2270. He intends to leave Bakersfield on April 2, 1974 to discuss his situation with CHAPMAN and return on the evening of April 3, 1974.

He apologetically declined to furnish any details concerning his situation, but did furnish the following information concerning the reasons for his recent actions under the name SCHWARTZ:

During the past four years he has been self-employed in the public relations business. During this same period he and others were engaged in gathering intelligence for certain California growers, mainly concerning UFW and it's Director, CESAR CHAVEZ. He is now "boxed in" because of his past activities with the growers. He is in debt in the amount of $20,000 in connection with a past loan and pressure is being exerted

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for re-payment. He had been advised by his attorney to declare bankruptcy, since the matter appeared to be of a civil nature, however, at present the local District Attorney's Office at San Jose is contemplating criminal fraud charges. He described another man involved with him as having nine children. He would not elaborate on the above information.

He was formally employed by the Saint Dismas Publishing Company, San Jose, which company is no longer in business. Prior to that time, and during the period 1954 - 1963, he was a deputy sheriff for the Santa Clara, California, County Sheriff's Office.

DUCOTE furnished the following background information concerning himself:

Name	JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE
Aliases	Fred Schwartz
Sex	Male
Race	White
Birth Data	June 28, 1929, Gulfport, Mississippi
Residence	1528 Hanchette, San Jose, California
Height	6 feet 3 inches
Weight	225 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Grey, receding

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Marital Status	Married
Military Service	United States Army, 1949 - 1953, ASN 19324764 (not sure if correct number)
Social Security Account Number	571-20-3937
Wife	MARY DUCOTE, 1528 [redacted] Hanchette, San Jose
Children	Seven, ranging from age five to age 16, all residing with parents
Mother	Mrs. E. M. DUCOTE 664 North 15th Street, San Jose
Sister	LEE SMITH, street address unknown, Saratoga, California, whose husband, QUENTIN, is an attorney.

Records of the Kern County Sheriff's Department and the Bakersfield Police Department, both Bakersfield, were caused to be reviewed on April 2, 1974, and no record identifiable with DUCOTE was located.

The Los Angeles Division advised that investigation at San Louis Obispo, California, on April 3, 1974, disclosed that [redacted] is the owner of the local national car rental systems in that city.

[redacted] advised that his office files do not contain any active investigation nor is he aware of any outgoing investigation pertaining to DUCOTE.

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At 3:40 P.M., JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, telephonically stated that he was calling from San Jose, California, to advise that he will not be able to confer with his attorney until April 6, 1974, and would thereafter make an appointment to be interviewed by the FBI at Bakersfield. DUCOTE stated that he does not desire to be contacted at San Jose.

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JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE, telephonically advised as follows:

He and his attorney are scheduled to confer with Santa Clara County, California, Assistant District Attorney DENNIS LEMPERT early this week regarding his case and his attorney has advised him to delay meeting with the FBI until the talks with LEMPERT are concluded. He will advise SA CONRAD N. SHAW as soon as his attorney gives him permission to talk to the FBI.

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 4/8/74

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/11/75

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (44-1413) (P)

SUBJECT: JEROME JOSEPH DUCOTE aka
Fred Schwartz;
[redacted]
UNITED FARM WORKERS
KEENE, CALIFORNIA - VICTIM
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Re report of SA [redacted], dated 4/19/74 at Sacramento; Sacramento letter to the Director, dated 12/5/74 entitled "JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE aka JERRY DUCOTE, FRED SCHWARTZ, HENRY GEORGE SCHERLING - Information Concerning"; and, Bureau airtel to Sacramento, 11/6/75, entitled "HENRY GEORGE SCHERLING - Information Concerning."

On 11/24/75, [redacted], Special Agent, Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, State of California, contacted SA [redacted] at the San Jose Resident Agency, and said he would like to discuss one JERRY DUCOTE. [redacted] was advised that our files are maintained in San Francisco and suggested that he contact the San Francisco Field Office. [redacted] said that he and [redacted], Investigator, Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office "had gotten themselves into a jam" with DUCOTE and were seeking assistance. An appointment was arranged for December 1, 1975, at 2:00 p.m. at the San Jose Resident Agency.

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[redacted] and [redacted] appeared at the San Jose FBI Resident Agency and the interview was initiated by [redacted] advising SA [redacted] of his rights. They explained that DUCOTE burglarized the San Jose Peace Center, Attorney JOHN THORN's Law Office, and GRACE MC DONALD's residence and office (publisher/editor of California Form Reporter) in 1967. According to [redacted] DUCOTE claims he burglarized these addresses at the direction of the FBI and specifically SA [redacted] and gave copies of the materials stolen to both the FBI and Western Research in Oakland, California. [redacted] pointed out that DUCOTE will be prosecuted for possession of the stolen documents and states his defense will be that he acted at the direction of the FBI.

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[redacted] said that his superior in San Francisco was planning to contact the United States Attorney JAMES L. BROWNING in an effort to obtain FBI files to assist in their investigation.

SA [redacted] advised [redacted] and [redacted] that he had interviewed DUCOTE on one or two occasions, but had never directed any activities of his and had received no materials whatsoever.

[redacted] advised that DUCOTE has witnesses who will testify in his behalf, namely, ~~SAM~~ ALVID, ~~JERRY~~ BOYES, and PHILLIP PRIZONER.

A review of the files of the San Francisco Office indicate that JERRY DUCOTE appeared at the San Jose Resident Agency in 1968, at which time he was interviewed by SAs [redacted], and SA [redacted] DUCOTE indicated that he was working for the Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church of Northern California, located at San Francisco. He said that Archbishop MC GUCKEN was concerned about the Communist influence in the Farm Workers Union and felt that some of the young priests were being influenced by Communist leaders. DUCOTE requested assistance from the FBI in his investigation. It was pointed out to him that the FBI could not assist him and the interview was terminated.

In 1970, DUCOTE was the Subject of an investigation where allegations were made that DUCOTE impersonated a member of the House Committee on Un-American Activities Staff. He was interviewed by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] and prosecution was declined. At this time, DUCOTE stated to his friends that he was a close friend and was acting on behalf of the United States Attorney JAMES L. BROWNING.

It is to be noted that DUCOTE was again the Subject of an impersonation case in 1974, at which time he advised [redacted] that he was a member of the House Committee on Un-American Activities Staff. At this time, prosecution was declined.

1 - Mr. Callahan
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JOSEPH JEROME DUCOTE, Also Known as 1 - Mr. Mintz
Jerry Ducote, Fred Schwartz; 1 - Mr. Walsh
HENRY GEORGE SCHERLING 1 - Mr. McDermott
INFORMATION CONCERNING 1 - Mr. Moore
1 - [redacted]

PURPOSE: To advise of the status of an investigation instituted to resolve reported allegations that Joseph Jerome Ducote burglarized at the direction of the FBI and gave copies of the materials stolen to the FBI.

BACKGROUND: You were previously advised in a J. S. Peelman to Mr. Gallagher memorandum dated 12/22/75, that in March, 1974, the Civil Rights Division (CRD), U. S. Department of Justice (USDJ), requested investigation of repeated break-ins of United Farm Workers (UFW) offices in California between 1966 and 1970, in possible violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241, involving a conspiracy to deny UFW rights guaranteed by labor law statutes. The investigation centered around an individual identified as Joseph Jerome Ducote, known as a con man and a former deputy sheriff, Santa Clara County, California.

Upon completion of our investigation, the USDJ advised that no Federal violation existed and that information should be made available to appropriate local authorities. Said information was disseminated by our Sacramento Division to [redacted], Delano, California, Police Department, and Kern County Sheriff's Office, June, 1974.

On 11/24/75, [redacted], Special Agent, Bureau of Investigation, State of California, advised SA [redacted] of the San Jose Resident Agency that during the approximate period 1967 - 1968, Ducote committed several politically oriented burglaries, including the San Jose Peace Center. According to [redacted] Ducote committed the burglaries at the direction of the FBI and gave copies of the stolen materials to both the FBI and Western Research of Oakland, California. [redacted] stated that Ducote will be prosecuted by the State of California for possession of stolen documents and indicated that Ducote will state as his defense that he acted at the direction of the FBI.

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DETAILS: On 12/22/75, Special Agent [redacted] Bureau of Investigation, advised that Ducote had been arrested by them and incarcerated in the Santa Clara County Jail, with bail set at $100,000. He is charged with 14 counts of grand theft and possessing and concealing stolen property. [redacted] stated in their continuing investigation, they now find that Ducote merely alluded to dealing with some security agency and that other people concluded that it must be the FBI.

On 12/24/75, Joseph Jerome Ducote was interviewed by SAs of the FBI at the Santa Clara County Jail and provided the following information:

Ducote advised that he has never worked for the FBI in any capacity. He advised that he did not turn over any documents to Agents of the FBI nor did he ever meet any Bureau Agents who were acting in an undercover capacity.

Ducote stated, however, that Western Research of Oakland, California, had sent an agent down to review papers that he had in his possession. Ducote said he thought this individual was from Army Intelligence based upon the way the person was dressed and in his general appearance. Ducote advised that he had what was believed to be two meets with the CIA, the first being in Washington, D. C., and the second in San Jose, California. He advised that he never directly contacted the CIA for these meetings. Ducote refused to comment on this matter inasmuch as he was concerned it might jeopardize his current position.

Bureau files reveal Western Research Foundation, also known as Research West, Inc., is a private subversive information-gathering and news clipping agency which provides said information to private industry and the House Committee on Un-American Activities, [redacted].

Comprehensive letterhead memoranda and affidavits submitted by both the San Francisco and Sacramento Divisions regarding this matter, specifically deny that Ducote or his associates provided any stolen documents to SAs of the FBI or were ever operated as sources, informants, or at the direction of the FBI.

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It is noted, however, that a mailing list for the San Jose Peace Center, one of the organizations reportedly burglarized by Ducote in 1967, was provided to SA [redacted] in 1965, by [redacted] This source obtained the list as a result of [redacted] and not through any contact with Ducote. Bureau files contain no information which would link source with Ducote.

Departmental Attorney William L. Gardner was advised of the status of the pending investigation and furnished copies of all letterhead memoranda and affidavits submitted by San Francisco and Sacramento. Gardner stated that said letterhead memoranda should be furnished to the California authorities in order to assist in their prosecution of Ducote.

By letter dated January 9, 1976, directed to SAC Charles W. Bates, the Attorney General, State of California, and the Chief Assistant District Attorney, Santa Clara County, made written requests for certain original FD-302s and memoranda regarding Ducote, said request in addition to the letterhead memoranda provided, in order to assist in this prosecution of stolen property and grand theft. The State Attorney General was most appreciative of being provided with copies of the comprehensive letterhead memoranda but indicated that certain original documents were necessary.

In addition to the above, Chief Assistant District Attorney William P. Hoffman, Santa Clara County, requested information as to whether the FBI has in its possession a copy of a mailing list of the San Jose Peace Center. The SAC, San Francisco, recommended that in view of fact that the list was provided by [redacted] prior to the date of the reported burglaries, and has no direct bearing re the prosecution of Ducote, that the District Attorney be advised that "This office did not receive a copy of a mailing list of the San Jose Peace Center from either Joseph Jerome Ducote or his associates." The Intelligence Division (INTD) and Legal Counsel Division (LCD) concurred with this reply and SAC Bates was advised accordingly.

With the above exception, there has been no request made by the California authorities for any original memoranda or FD-302s regarding [redacted] or [redacted]

The CRD, USDJ, and the U. S. Attorney, San Francisco, have been provided copies of all affidavits and memoranda and pertinent information regarding this matter.

ACTION: The opinion of the USDJ will be obtained re release of the original FD-302s and other memoranda regarding Ducote and his associates as requested by California authorities. The LCD and INTD concur with this action.

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Big Coverup In Burglary, Chavez Says

By Rick Carroll

Cesar Chavez and his top lawyer in the United Farm Workers charged yesterday there was a massive political coverup of the 1967 burglary of the union's headquarters in Delano.

"I think the Reagan Administration was up to its neck in a coverup," Chavez told newsmen in La Paz, the union's headquarters east Bakersfield.

"The whole thing is a little Watergate. Law enforcement officials knew about this but did nothing."

He and UFW general counsel Jerry Cohen were referring to admissions Tuesday by Jerome Ducote that at least two major grape growers conspiratorially backed his his burglary in Delano.

Cohen charged that "the FBI, the CIA and the Delano police of course have known about the burglaries for a long time — the Delano police since the night they occurred, and the FBI since February of 1974 when they shadowed a meeting I had with Ducote in a coffee shop of the Ramada Inn in Bakersfield where he tried to sell me back the stolen documents for $25,000."

Cohen said the CIA learned about the burglaries when Ducote, according to Ducote's own admission, met with a CIA liaison agent in Washington in 1967 following a meeting with then-Congressman Charles S. Gubser (Rep-Gilroy), who has since retired.

"So," said Cohen, "a central question is, 'why did it take so long? Why does this all surface now after the three-year statute of limitations has run out, and the trails to evidence grown stale?'"

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Cohen said there ought to be a high-level investigation of law enforcement inactivity in the case, "but I don't know whom to call upon. You don't send in Typhoid Mary to fight an epidemic of typhoid."

Meanwhile, Ducote has told state investigators that while he wasn't stealing documents in the late 1960s he was criss-crossing the country raising money from big businessmen "for our operation."

Checks raised in this way, he said in a statement on file in San Jose Municipal Court, were forwarded to a post office box in Willow Glen, Santa Clara county.

Kenneth Wilhelm, then secretary of the Santa Clara county Farm Bureau, had the key to the post office box, Ducote said.

Ducote, a former Santa Clara county sheriff's deputy and former president of that county's Young Republican Club, is being held in lieu of $100,000 bail on 21 counts of concealing stolen documents and grand theft.

His lengthy statement given to state agent Walter Kubas details how he burglarized the headquarters of the United Farm Workers in Delano, the San Jose Peace center, the Oakland Peace Center and Ramparts Magazine, to name a few.

He performed these political chores, he said, with the backing of various farmers opposed to the UFW or with the backing of certain businessmen.

On one occasion in 1967, Ducote said, the late William Penn Patrick paid him $2000 for a copy of the San Jose Peace Center's mailing list.

Patrick, head of the multi-million dollar cosmetics pyramid known as Holiday Magic, also offered him $1400 for a mailing list of the Oakland Peace Center.

Ducote said in his statement that a few days later he and Henry Scherling and Andy Gulermovich entered the Oakland Peace Center and stole the mailing list. But they never got paid, Ducote said.

Scherling and Gulermovich were mentioned by Ducote as being involved in other political burglaries with him. They could not be reached for comment on the Oakland Peace Center job.

Ducote told agent Kubas that he raised $40,000 from California farmers to fight UFW leader Cesar Chavez between 1965 and 1970 and that he raised undisclosed sums from around the country when he was not being a burglar.

In 1968, he said, he went to Philadelphia at the request of Stephen D'Arrigo, a Salinas Valley farmer, and got J. Howard Pugh, chairman of the board of Sun Oil Co. to send a $1000 check to the Willow Glen post office box.

Ducote also said he picked up a $1500 check in Los Angeles from "a Mr. Hearst" at the Los Angeles Herald Examiner in 1968.

The newspaper was then involved in a strike, Ducote said, and he explained (apparently to Hearst) about the efforts being made to combat Chavez.

Ducote said the $1500 check was made out to something called the Fire and Police Protective League but the money "was routed back to our operation."

Ducote said he showed documents stolen from Chavez, social reformer Saul Alinsky and the San Jose Peace Center to Representative Charles Gubser (Rep.-Gilroy) and to various government intelligence agents in Washington.

He also showed some of his stolen political documents, he said, to State Senator Hugh Burns, then head of the State Senate Un-American Activities Committee.

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Re: Appeal No. 06-1209
Request No. 1011201
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Dear Mr. Lazar:

You appealed from the action of the Headquarters Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on your request for access to FBI file number 100-47715. I note that you have limited your appeal to the FBI's withholdings in three enumerated serials, the failure of the FBI to release the names of individuals mentioned in newspaper articles, and the failure of the FBI to release records from cross-reference and "sub-A" files. I regret the delay in responding to your appeal.

After carefully considering your appeal, and as a result of discussions between FBI personnel and a member of my staff, I am releasing to you additional portions of two pages, copies of which are enclosed. I am otherwise affirming, on partly modified grounds, the FBI's action on your request. The FBI properly withheld certain information that is protected from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act pursuant to:

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(2), which concerns matters that are related solely to internal agency practices;

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C), which concerns records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes the release of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties; and

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(D), which concerns records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes the release of which could reasonably be expected to disclose the identities of confidential sources and information furnished by such sources.

I note that on appeal, you implicitly contend that the FBI's search for responsive records was inadequate because the FBI failed to release to you cross-reference and "sub-A" file records. Please be advised that you limited your request to the first 250 pages of file number 100-47715. The FBI released to you the first 250 releasable pages of that file, which consists of well over 250 pages of responsive records. Because the FBI released to you the precise number of pages of responsive records that you requested, I am affirming the FBI's search for records responsive to your request.

If you are dissatisfied with my action on your appeal, you may seek judicial review in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

Sincerely,

Janice Galli McLeod
Associate Director

Enclosures

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Mr. 7(c) State Bureau of Investigation, State of North Carolina, Justice Building, Raleigh, North Carolina, by letter dated January 2, 1962, furnished the Federal Bureau of Investigation the following information:

Two men showed up at the National Indignation Convention in Dallas, Texas, named 7(c) and 7(c) 7(c). These two represented themselves as "Minutemen". According to SCHMITT and BUMB, the Freedom Book Shop, 60 East San Fernando Street, San Jose, California, is a front and cover for the "Minutemen". The Freedom Book Shop was referred to as the clearing house for information.

On January 30, 1964, 7(c) Treasury Department, City of San Jose, advised that the Freedom Book Shop, 60 East San Fernando Street, San Jose, California, was operated in 1962 by 7(c) 7(c) said that as of September 3, 1963, the Freedom Book Shop was registered with the City of San Jose as a bookstore manned with voluntary help and having no regular employees. JERRY DUCOTE was listed on the records as the director.

7(c) said that as of January 1, 1964, the Freedom Book Shop changed its name to American Opinion Bookstore at the same address. 7(c) said that JERRY DUCOTE was listed as director and it is still operated with voluntary help. In addition, the name of 7(c) was listed as an operator of the book shop.

7(c) , San Jose, California Police Department, on January 30, 1964, advised that JERRY DUCOTE was fired from the Santa Clara Sheriff's Department several years ago after passing several bad checks. 7(c) said that DUCOTE used poor judgment as a Deputy Sheriff, and is an unstable individual. 7(c) has no information indicating any connection with the "Minutemen" on the part of DUCOTE, or that there is a "Minutemen" organization in the San Jose area.

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7(c) , Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, advised on January 30, 1964, that JERRY DUCOTE, a former Deputy Sheriff, is openly identified as a member of the John Birch Society, but as far as he knows, is not a member of the "Minutemen". 7(c) said that as far as he knows, there are no "Minutemen" organizations in the San Jose area.

7(c) Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, advised he has never received information indicating the existence of a "Minutemen" organization in the San Jose area.

The "San Francisco Chronicle", a daily newspaper of general circulation in the San Francisco area, on February 12, 196 page four, set forth that JERRY DUCOTE is a current section leader of the John Birch Society.

An employee of Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, Missile and Space Division, Santa Cruz Test Base, Santa Cruz, California, advised on January 30, 1964, that the following individuals are members of a "Minutemen" unit located in Santa Cruz:

7(c)

The following background information was obtained from employment records and public source material.

Name
Address

Birth date
Birth place
Race
Sex

7(c)